



*In Honor of Carleton P. Merrill  
Husband \* Veteran \* Alderman \* Friend  
September 3, 1924 – January 23, 2013*

## *Merry Christmas!*

### **NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – DECEMBER 20, 2013**

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- **Inauguration** – This term's Inauguration for the Mayor, Aldermen and School Committee will be held on **Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 at 12:00p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chamber. Each Board member will be receiving two tickets. If you are not using yours, please let David Olson know. If you need more than two, also please let David know. We will be getting out further details as they are available.

#### **REMINDERS**

- **Follow up from the December 4<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole** – The powerpoint slides presented to the Board at the Committee of the Whole have been posted online. <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/meetings/2013.asp>  
As stated, questions taken regarding the progress on the three elementary schools can be answered by the administration, school department and/or consultants as appropriate. Additional questions are welcome. As we were left with insufficient time to hear from many of you, I know you have questions and comments on progress related to the water, sewer and stormwater work and, in particular, the administration's introduction to its thinking on rate restructuring. Please submit your questions and comments to David Olson by **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** so they may be addressed by the administration and used to guide further work.

#### **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

- **Zervas Working Group Update** – Submitted by Ald. Ruthanne Fuller, Ald. John Rice and Ald. Deb Crossley – Based on input from the Designer Selection Committee and our owner's project manager, Joslin, Lesser & Associates, the Mayor has selected Design Partnership of Cambridge as the design firm for the Zervas Elementary School project. The Mayor noted Design Partnership's experience designing school buildings and references from respected communities.